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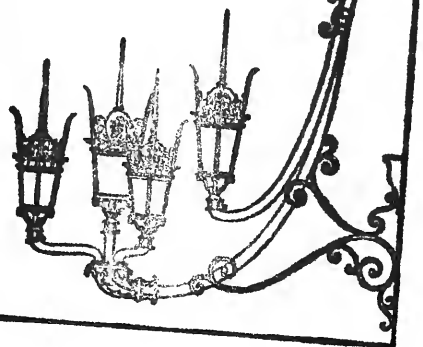


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AN IMPORTANT STOP ON THE FREEDOM TRAIL



Old South is located in the heart of Boston's business and shopping district at the Downtown Crossing. And it's easily accessible by all major subway lines. And we're wheelchair-accessible.

HOURS: Summer (April 1-October 31)
9:30-5:00

Winter (November 1-March 31)
Weekdays 10:00-4:00
Weekends 10:00-5:00

Closed Jan. 1; Thanksgiving, Dec. 24 & 25.

ADMISSIONS: Adults \$1.25
Children 6-18 .50
Seniors .75
Children under 6 Free

ADDRESS: Old South Meeting House
310 Washington St.
Boston, MA 02108

PHONE: (617) 452-6439

BY SUBWAY: MBTA Stops and Lines:
State St. (Orange and Blue Lines)
Downtown Crossing (Red and Orange Lines)
Park St. (Green and Red Lines)
Government Center (Green and Blue Lines)

Old South Meeting House is managed by the Old South Association, a private, non-profit corporation, in cooperation with the National Park Service. It receives support from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities (a State Agency), the National Endowment for the Humanities, and other private and public sources.

After 256 years of silence, the walls in this building are finally talking.



And you should hear what they have to say.

It's true. The walls in the Old South Meeting House, one of Boston's most important historic buildings, are talking. Literally. And what they have to say can really bring history to life. It's all part of Old South's new exhibit, "In Prayer And Protest: Old South Meeting House Remembers."

When you step up to the special talking wall locations inside Old South, you'll activate audio cassettes that'll tell you about important moments from Old South's past.

IN THE BEGINNING

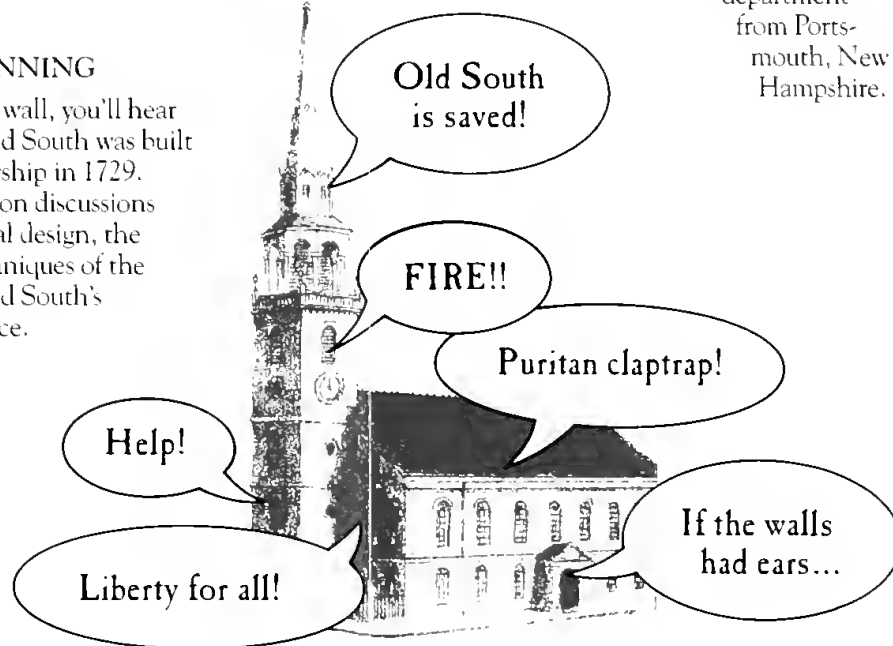
At the first wall, you'll hear all about how Old South was built as a house of worship in 1729. You'll eavesdrop on discussions about the original design, the engineering techniques of the time, and the Old South's sacred significance.

THE BRITISH TAKE OVER

At the next wall, you'll overhear the British as they desecrate Old South during the Revolution and turn it into a riding school.

THE GREAT FIRE OF 1872

Listen at the final talking wall as Old South is saved from certain destruction during the Great Fire of 1872 by the heroic efforts of a fire department from Portsmouth, New Hampshire.



WHERE THE PRESENT MEETS THE PAST.

OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE

FAMOUS PEOPLE

You'll also see special exhibits of historical documents, rare colonial artifacts, and a scale model of early Boston. Plus you'll see life-size portraits of historical characters—characters who have played significant roles at different moments during the Old South's rich past.

Meet Andrew Oliver, the loyal Tory who was hung in effigy in 1765 for his role in the first Stamp Act.

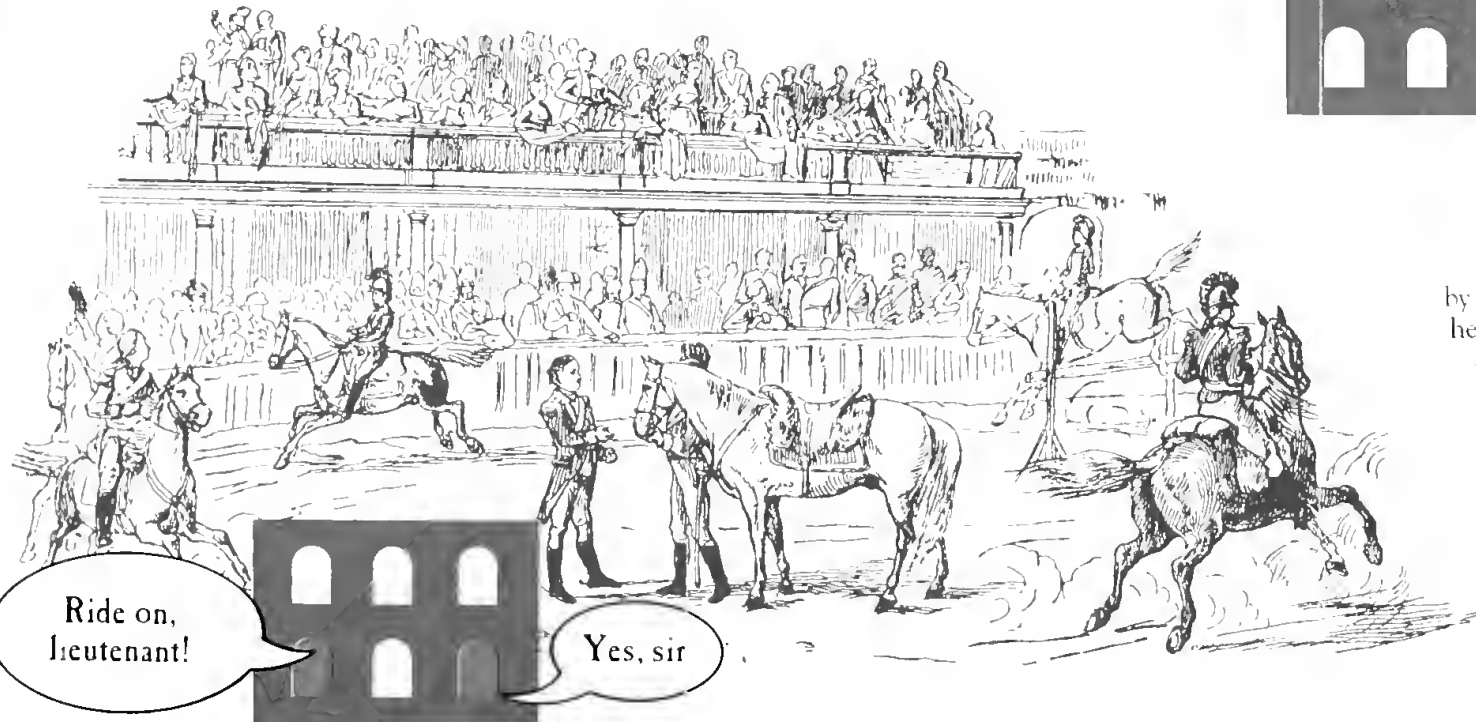
Or Mary Hemenway, who led the effort to save Old South from the wrecker's ball in 1876. She also established Old South's first American history educational programs.

VOICES FROM THE PAST

And when you sit in Old South's pews, you can listen to recordings of sermons, discussions, and speeches reflecting the different religious and political attitudes of the time. You'll begin to feel the spirit of the Revolution as Boston's history comes to life.

A place of worship...

FIRE!!



Lovingly restored and maintained by the Old South Association with the help of the National Park Service, Old South is alive with the sounds of the past. Every year over 90,000 people discover Old South. Why not join them and pay us a visit. It's the perfect stop for anyone who's ever wondered what the walls would say if they could talk.

FAMOUS EVENTS

But the talking walls are only part of the story.

At Old South you'll also learn all about some of the great events that shaped our national identity. Discover some of the more interesting details and the larger historical consequences of events like the Boston Tea Party and the Boston Massacre.

